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Outline of an Appeal to the Guatemalan Officers' Corps

1. Attached herewith, we are forwarding a verbatim copy of a summary of topics which [] would like to see covered in an appeal addressed by the Guatemalan people to the officers' corps. There can be no doubt that [] has invested a lot of thought in this paper and that it can be presumed to reflect in essence the views being entertained by him and his associates regarding the internal developments of Guatemala. You may find this paper a suitable basis for a carefully thought-out presentation of the main issues at stake, geared to the requirements and the intellectual standards of the average line officer who, as [] repeatedly pointed out, is basically anti-communist, but devoid of a more than superficial and inarticulate understanding of what this turmoil is all about.

2. [] asked ESQUIRE to convey to the consejo, that on psychological grounds it would be inadvisable and actually defeat the purpose of this treatise, were it to be made available in form of "hojas sueltas". He recommends that it be put out as a handy and well-printed booklet which an officer can carry in his pocket, something which he is inclined to hang on to and not discard into the nearest wastepaper basket. [] further urges that all the facilities of consejo be brought to bear in order to make the pamphlet available to a maximum number of officers. It should be our objective to put it into the hands of every Army officer and "if need be, it should be dropped from an aeroplane."

3. You realize that [] will be keenly interested in finding out what, if anything, has been done to make use of his presentation. We would, therefore, appreciate you advising us at your earliest convenience what your plans are and to make available to us the "consejo's" version. Should there be a broadcast, please cable the time at which the transmission can be heard.

[]

Cyrus E. Burnette

Att: 2-page summary of topics

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